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Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics

6200 Drexel Avenue

December 20, 1949

Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
Department of Genetics  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Upon the recommendation of Dean L. T. Coggeshall and our Central Administration, I am writing to formally confirm our offer to you of a position as associate professor in the Institute of Radiobiology and Biophysics at the University of Chicago. The minor details of this proposal have already been discussed between us, and I am therefore confining this letter to the broader aspects of our proposal.

Your salary for the first year would be \$7,500 and for the second year, \$8,000. As has been explained to you, this appointment would be on what is known at Chicago as the 4-E contract, which does not permit the retention of outside earnings other than prizes.

We propose that your appointment begin July 1, 1950. We should be very glad to give you a leave-of-absence without salary for a few months beyond this date, should you so desire.

The University will underwrite for your work the salaries of one full time assistant, one laboratory technician, and graduate student assistance to the extent of four to six men, as you prefer.

We will be able to give you adequate room for your research in the new Institute building which is now being constructed -- two large laboratories, each about 20 feet by 22 feet, for the coming year, with one in reserve for future needs.

The University will provide you with adequate equipment and material facilities.

Dr. Joshua Lederberg

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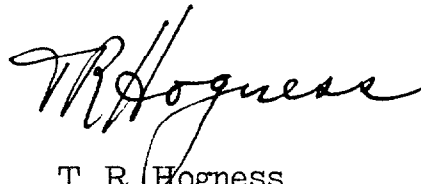
The University will also pay your moving expenses from Madison to Chicago up to \$500.

Needless to say, your many friends and acquaintances at the University of Chicago would be delighted to have you join our community. They feel that you would contribute to the already high pitch of scholarly enthusiasm which exists here, and we all hope and believe that you would find your surroundings here most congenial.

Please do not hesitate to ask about any details which are not clear to you.

With best regards,

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "T. R. Hogness". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

T. R. Hogness  
Director